

tributions to entomological literature that has been brought out by the Trustees of the British Museum. It is illustrated with several excellent plates engraved on copper by the author himself, containing figures of all the genera, accompanied by carefully executed details. If we might suggest any improvement it would be, that Mr. Smith would have rendered his work more generally acceptable, had he given characters to the families and subfamilies into which he divides the Bees; for as it now stands, a beginner will perhaps be somewhat at a loss to determine which of the principal groups will receive a bee of which he may have taken specimens. This however is but a passing objection, and we trust that the present work, which is published at an exceedingly low price, may lead some of our young entomologists to turn their attention to the interesting subject of which it treats.

*Proceedings of the Yorkshire Philosophical Society.* Vol. I.  
York, 1855.

We have recently received this interesting volume, containing "A selection from the papers relating to the Antiquities and Natural History of Yorkshire, read at the monthly Meetings of the Society, from 1847 to 1854," and recommend it strongly to the attention of our readers. By far the greater number of the papers here published relates to Antiquities, and are of such a character as doubtless to attract the attention of our Archæological brethren. Amongst those more especially interesting to the naturalist we may particularize the observations on *Zamia gigas*, by Messrs. Yates and Williamson; on the Zoophytes of the Flamborough Chalk, by Mr. Charlesworth; on the Sclerotic ring of the Eyes of Birds and Reptiles, by Mr. Allis; as well deserving of perusal.

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